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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Dr. L. R. Scarborough

## Substitutes for Jesus —or— The Choice of the Soul

By the late Dr. L. R. SCARBOROUGH

Long president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,  
and famous evangelist

I read some Scriptures from the 27th chapter of Matthew, from the 11th to the 25th verse. And I shall be very happy if you will give careful attention to the reading of this story. It is a part of the record of the greatest tragedy.

## "Look To Yourselves, . . . That We Receive A Full Reward" —II John 8

By BILLY SUNDAY

(Excerpts from a sermon preached in Omaha, Nebraska.)

A great many people suppose that after they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, made a public acknowledgment of Him as such and joined a church, that is all there is to a Christian life. Well, there is something more that comes by way of experience.

I am one of the kind that believes that there are consistent and increasing blessings to be had if you pay the price, but it costs something to know the fullness of God's power and to be able to have God answer your prayer. There is something more, and it comes when at last we stand in the presence of Him who, having not seen, we love. In Second John, part of the eighth verse, I read: "Look to yourselves, . . . that we receive a full reward." The emphasis should be placed on

the word full.

John seems desirous of impressing the followers of Jesus with the fact that there are rewards. There are those who will be satisfied with just getting into Heaven, and as Job says, "with the skin of your teeth."

John seems desirous of impressing the followers of Jesus with that fact, and he says, "Look to yourselves, . . . that we receive a full reward." Do your utmost and your best. You are not going to be rewarded on the basis of comparison.

### Look to Yourselves

God is not going to compare what I do with what you do. God will not judge you by what Solomon or David or John did, but God is going to judge every man and woman according to his or her own ability. "Look to yourselves." Never mind what I do. Never mind whether you can do as much as the preacher. "Look to yourselves, . . . that we receive a full measure."

### Sword Book Club Members NOTICE!

The Sword Book Club News is in this issue, on page 8. The wonderful book by Dr. R. A. Torrey, *The Holy Spirit; Who He Is and What He Does*, is the October selection and you will want to read the enthusiastic comments of the Sword Book Club judges about it. The alternate selections are two fine books—Calvin's *Commentary on Hebrews*, the second in this great series of commentaries, and *He Will Abundantly Pardon*, by Dr. Walter Maier, the great Lutheran Hour preacher. You won't want to miss the reports on these great books.

If you do not want to receive a book this month, be sure to notify us before the final rejection date, October 15.

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Rev. Billy Sunday

"And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would."

You will remember at this time that the Jews were under the political dominance of the Romans, and Pilate was the Roman governor, and it was the custom of the Romans at a certain feast every year to release at the request of the people some political prisoner whom the Roman government held.

"And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas,

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## Fixing Men Instead of Conditions

By REV. BOB JONES, Sr., D.D., LL. D.

(Preached at Sword of the Lord Conference on Evangelism, John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Tuesday night, June 29, 1948. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him. Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) [That sounds like current literature, doesn't it?] Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious [too religious]. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. So Paul departed from among them. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them."—Acts 17:16-34.

This is my text: "Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred [provoked] in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry." Literally, Paul was provoked. Greek scholars tell us you could render it, "his teeth were set on edge." Would you like to know what kind of person you are? Would

you like for me to give you a little test for your character? Here it is. Ask yourself the question: What would I do if I knew nobody would ever know it? That is what you are. The thing you would do if you knew nobody would ever know it—that is what you are. Test yourself.

### Perverted Religion Provoked Paul

Here is another test: What do you get mad about? "Oh," you say, "Bob Jones, I didn't think you were supposed to get mad." You are not any good if you cannot get mad! A man who has no capacity for anger has no capacity for love. It is all right to get angry. There is not one word in the Bible against being angry. Just be sure that you are mad about the right thing. There is such a thing as righteous indignation. Let me tell you something! There has never been as much slander cast upon any-

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## Who for President?

**What Can Christians Do to Stop the Enormous Waste of Public Money; the Control of Politics by Criminal and Corrupt Political Machines; the Fomenting of Strikes and Encouragement of Radicalism Among Labor; the Help the New Deal Gave Stalin in Controlling the World; the Stifling of Free Enterprise and the Stirring of Class and Race Hate in America?**

**A Frank and Honest Answer From  
the Christian Viewpoint**

By THE EDITOR

It is often easier for a preacher not to take sides on moral issues. How many preachers never say a word about communism and socialism in politics, about violence, mass destruction, coercion and murder in strikes, and about the ungodly radicalism of many labor leaders! How many preachers never give honest help to Christian people who want to do right in political matters but do not have the information that many preachers have! It might be easier never to speak out on moral issues but it certainly would not please God.

A woman writes the editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, sending literature of Gerald L. K. Smith's co-called "Christian Crusade." We have no animosity against this man or other good men associated with him. But their methods of arousing hate for Jews is wicked and dangerous and it is certain that evil men would like to ride such a movement into power. Hence I have written very frankly to the woman who wrote me and my answer is given here.

September 4, 1948

Dear Mrs. C. —:

Thank you for your letter and the literature you enclosed about the new party with Gerald L. K. Smith as the head and candidate for president. I will answer your questions the best I can.

**1. The so-called "Christian Nationalist Crusade" is not a Christian crusade, in my judgment.**

I do not mean that Gerald L. K. Smith himself is not a Christian and that other men active in the movement are not Christians. I judge

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Dr. Bob Jones

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labored in the barren spots."

It is not a good thing simply to think of the remuneration. You believe when you work in the mill or on the railroad or in the public school that you will be paid your wages; therefore, you have faith to believe, and God says, "Now, I will reward you." So remember that God has promised and He that promises is faithful.

**Christian Life Warfare**

I read in James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." There is no promise in the Bible that you will not be tempted. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation."

I think you understand that the Christian life is a warfare, not a picnic. It is a fight, a battle for God, and don't think that the Devil will let you alone, either. Don't think you will have no trial.

You never looked into the face of a man who had an easier time to be a Christian than I, and yet if I don't watch myself the Devil might lead me away. I expect to fight the Devil until the undertaker pumps me full of embalming fluid and I wend my way to Glory. "Look to yourselves...that we receive a full reward."

I think that was especially dear to the early church. The church never suffered through persecution, but she has suffered through her wealth, her worldliness, her indifference, which seems to be inseparably connected with her wealth.

I don't know what the power of the ministers who have served in Omaha has been. I don't know what the power of the men you have here now is, but there never was a man, there isn't any now, and there never will be a man who will serve you as pastor but that that man's power for Jesus Christ will be multiplied if he only has a prayer behind him.

But a lot of you will go to church, sit there and grumble and growl and go home and pick the preacher and his sermon as dry as you do the chicken on the platter for your Sunday dinner, and then wonder why your church doesn't grow. I wonder why it doesn't sink into Hell, with a prayerless, beer-drinking, dancing, card-playing crowd like many of them have.

**No Right to Claim**

Oh, I can tell you of church members who haven't come to this tabernacle in seven weeks, who haven't lifted a little finger or sweat one drop to bring old Omaha to her knees. Then what right have they to claim any thing from God?

What right have you to walk up and insult God by telling Him you are His child when you have done all you can to prevent the success of these meetings? God pity such miserable people!

"Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." I think Paul received his idea for that verse by watching the Olympic games. I think Paul wrote Hebrews. He said in chapter 12: "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

You never saw a man get out to run a footrace carrying a sack of sand or a millstone, did you? No, sir. It would impede his progress. A lot of you are trying to win the race and you have those sins and they are weight.

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Don't you want to be a spiritual giant? It costs something to know God's power and His truth. They that "strive for the mastery are temperate in all things."

Paul says: "This one thing I do." I tell you, I think that would be our state of mind if we only realized that people without Jesus Christ are lost. I tell you, the church is all wrong—by whatever name or denomination she is known—if she simply says, "Come and hear the preacher preach and the choir sing, and if you don't, why go to the Devil."

That doctrine has paralyzed the activities of the earth. This is what I call going to the multitudes, and I have never seen the community that was willing to go into their pockets to put up a tabernacle that failed to get a blessing.

I have had preachers say, "We have a church that holds so many." I say, "Then get some other man; I'm not the one you are looking for." I won't go to a town and hold a revival in a church, for several reasons.

There are lots of fellows who will never darken a church, and therefore God has seemed to call me to be the apostle to reach the fellow outside that the church never touches, and they moan and groan and sigh that they didn't touch him; then when God Almighty had been pleased to honor me, they denounce me. To perdition with such fools! They make me sick. I have no patience with them. If there is one word on God's earth that is uttered in connection with religion that I hate it is that word "conservative." They say, "Mr. Sunday, this is a conservative community. Our pastor is conservative. Our people are conservative." That means they have taken the Devil's opiates and have gone to sleep. That means their church is a great dormitory; don't stir them up. I would as soon be pastor of the graveyard.

We have two crowds, the ruts and the antiruts. One crowd wants things done in decency and in order. There are some people afraid of innovations, afraid of introducing something, for if you did you might get a fellow that would go to Hell if you didn't.

If I were pastor of a church I would put a brass band in front to play every night, and I'd give the Devil the best run for his money that he ever had. Don't be afraid of innovations for God and God's truth. They that strive for the mastery are temperate in all things."

**Glad to Come Back Here**

Paul had been over to Thessalonica, had preached the gospel and they had accepted his message. Now Paul can't go back so he writes them a letter and says, "You are my crown of rejoicing." I love to think about that. Paul never wrote a letter to the Ephesians. I've been some places—if Dad will forgive me, I'll never go back. I've been to some places and I love to recall that I was there. I love to place them upon the roll of honor, where I love to place your community and your people.

I will be delighted to walk your streets again in my memory and look into the faces that I have learned to know and love. There isn't a pastor that hasn't been to places he likes to forget, and there are places where he has been, where they have treated him so kind that he loves to recall that he labored and worked among those people.

That's the reward that Luther and Wesley and Calvin and Moody and every faithful Sunday school teacher and Christian worker for God wears.

Every Sunday School teacher and every officer must feel the responsibility to do all in their power, now that these meetings are drawing to a close. I know what some people in Omaha think about revivals and about revivalists, and especially about me. I know all about that, but I want to tell you that I'll not carry with

me one bit of hatred in my heart against anybody.

I have fought furiously and haven't dipped my colors to anybody; haven't bowed to anybody from Omaha—rich or poor, white or black. I preach God's truth. I know what some of you think about revivals.

You might as well bring a baby into the world, tie it hand and foot, and fasten it to a cake of ice and expect it to live and grow physically as to expect that the new converts will make any progress in religious matters if they have to go into a godless, worldly, great big refrigerator of a church.

I know that if someone who has taken his stand would slip and fall tomorrow, some of you would say, "Ha, ha, just as I expected." You miserable old wretch, listen to me. If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest you also be tempted.

And if you are a miserable old card player you will be a miserable old sneering, turned up, crooked nose hypocrite. "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

If a man be overtaken in a fault, let him alone.

If a man be overtaken in a fault, telephone to the newspapers.

If a man be overtaken in a fault—call up "Central" and tell her to get everybody on the line. Don't speak to him, you might help him back again. Push him and see if you can't help him to Hell. Walk on him and see if you can't trample him deeper. Let him alone. Every tub stands on its own bottom.

"Ye which are spiritual, restore such an one . . . considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

**Study the Bible**

Now, then, get down into the old mother-Book. Go to the old Bible and read it for yourself. One of the prolific sources of unbelief and backsliding today is a bottle-fed church, where the whole membership lets the preacher do the studying of the Bible for them.

He will go to the pulpit with his mind full of his sermon and they will come to church with their minds filled with society and last night's card playing, beer and wine drinking, and novel reading party and will sit there half asleep.

Great God, it would take forty thousand Gabriels with trumpets to arouse a crowd like that! It is a hard thing for a man to be eloquent to a lot of corn shocks. If you want your preacher to be eloquent, you have to be in sympathy with what he is trying to teach you.

Then again, I have this: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." I want them as an epitaph on my tombstone.

You will agree with me, in closing, that I'm not a crank; at least I try not to be. I have not preached about my first, second, third or hundredth blessing. I have not talked about baptism or immersion. I told you that while I was here my creed would be, "With Christ you are saved; without Him you are lost." Are you saved? Are you lost? Going to Heaven? Going to Hell?

I have tried to build every sermon right around and answer those questions and steer clear of anything else, but I want to say to you this morning, in closing, that it is the inspiration of my life, the secret of my earnestness.

I never preach a sermon but that I think it may be the last one some fellow will hear or the last I shall ever be privileged to preach.

If John were here and I would invite him to preach, he would preach about the love of God. If James were here and I would say, "James, will you pray?" he would say, "Faith without works is dead." James would say, "Get a

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of the people, the judgment of the law had condemned him and he was imprisoned for the punishment of his crimes; yet in that day they released him instead of Jesus Christ. Oh, my friends, the choice that the people made that day! "Whom shall I release unto you—Jesus or Barabbas?"

This is a part of the record of the most cruel tragedy that the world ever saw. Jesus had lived here among the people in His public ministry for more than three years. He had done nothing in a corner. His speeches and His preaching and His teaching had been in the open and before the public. Everywhere He had gone doing good, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, giving speech to the speechless and hearing to those who were deaf. In many cases He had brought back from death those who had been buried. Everywhere He had been doing good and evil not at all.

**Trial at the Bar of Three Courts**

And yet he was arraigned and arrested and tried. He was tried at the bar of three courts and was declared innocent. At the court of the Sanhedrin, the ecclesiastical court, he was arraigned, and false witnesses were brought and testified; but the very confusion of the Sanhedrin is an overwhelming and positive proof that their case had failed, and Jesus was innocent of the charges made of anything wrong.

He was tried by the civil court, by the Roman governor. He was examined, tried and questioned by the governor himself and he publicly declared time and again that "I find nothing wrong in this man." He called him a just man and found no error in him. So, the highest civil authority declared him innocent.

He was tried before the bar of conscience and there he was declared innocent. This Roman governor had a message from his wife and she said, "Have nothing to do with this just person. My conscience today has been aroused in a dream. He is a just person and I do not want my husband to be involved in the punishment of this just man." Pilate himself called for water, and before the multitude washed his hands and said, "I am innocent of the blood of this man." It was the conscience of the governor and his wife that were passing on the case.

And yet, my friends, after being tried before these three courts Jesus Christ was arraigned and condemned and publicly crucified. Oh, what a tragedy, thinking who He was, thinking what He did, thinking the life He lived, the teachings He taught, the miracles He performed. In that age the religious and civil agents and the consciences of men declared Him innocent and yet the sins of man crucified Him.

There was another notable prisoner, the Scriptures say. He was a robber and a murderer. Neither property nor life were counted safe when he was at liberty. There was no voice at his trial that raised itself and said, "He is innocent." The judgment

move on." James would preach the gospel of works. If Peter were here and I would say, "Peter, preach us a sermon," he would preach about the Holy Ghost. If Paul were here and I would say, "Paul, preach us a sermon," Paul would get up and talk about the resurrection. He would talk about Jesus when He comes to this old world. I would say, "Luke, will you preach us a sermon?" and he would talk along a similar strain, as you will read in Acts. Now, then, I say to you, "Watch, for ye know not the day nor the hour."

**Picture of Future Church**

In Revelation I read: "Round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. [I know some elders who won't wear crowns unless they get converted. They don't live in Omaha, these fellows

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of the people, the judgment of the law had condemned him and he was imprisoned for the punishment of his crimes; yet in that day they released him instead of Jesus Christ. Oh, my friends, the choice that the people made that day! "Whom shall I release unto you—Jesus or Barabbas?"

Tonight I want to talk to you about *Substitutes for Jesus, or, The Choice of the Soul*. Here is Jesus Christ. Is gold your Barabbas on the other. In the light of the public their deeds were before them all, and in that day the people chose Barabbas instead of Jesus Christ. Tonight every man, woman and child in this audience who is a Christian is a Christian because of a choice they have made. You have chosen Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Some time in your history He has been presented and the Devil has presented your sins. He brought along your Barabbas and presented you Barabbas and Jesus; and you are saved tonight because at that period in your history you, in your deepest soul, chose Jesus Christ instead of your Barabbas. Every man, woman and child not a Christian is unsaved tonight, without Christ and without hope, because at some time in life the gospel has been presented, Jesus Christ has been put up to you and your Barabbas has been presented and you have selected your Barabbas instead of Jesus Christ. That is the reason tonight why you are unsaved. I want to make it clear tonight that men are saved on their choices.

**What Is Your Barabbas?**

Now, I do not know tonight what your Barabbas is, but you have one. Every unsaved man, woman and child tonight under this tabernacle has a Barabbas. You have substituted something in the place of Jesus Christ in the choice of your soul. I wonder if tonight you are unsaved because you have chosen the making of money instead of the service of Jesus Christ. Is gold your Barabbas? Have you said, as a choice was put up to you, it is Jesus or gold, and have you said, "Release unto me gold and crucify Jesus Christ"? If you have done that, I tell you, my friend, you have committed a great crime against your soul. You have committed spiritual suicide for the purpose of the monetary gain that will come to you.

Not all the misers live in mansions. Not all the people who have gone down into sin and Hell because of the love of money are the men who gained and made money. I have seen men running

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a peanut business who were just as miserly and just as thoroughly substituted it for Jesus Christ as a man who made his millions. Is that your sin tonight? Is that the reason why you are not a Christian? Have you said, "I will get this deal; I will buy this piece of land; I will get this lease; I will bore this well; I will buy this bank or this stock; and then I will be a Christian. When I get a little more and make it a little easier I will be a Christian"? Then money is your Barabbas.

God help you this hour to break loose from your hunger for gold at the expense of your soul. There is nothing in the Word of God that puts a premium on poverty or nothing that declares a shame upon the possession of money. God does condemn the wrong use of money and the wrong method of making money. I guess that the two richest men whose names come down to us from ancient history were two of the best men who God makes record of. It is the love of money and not money that is the root of all evil. Is gold your Barabbas that you have substituted for Jesus Christ?

Maybe that is not your Barabbas. I wonder if ambition is your Barabbas. I wonder if you have said tonight, "I am going to climb the ladder of fame and excel in my business, and I am going to control in the sphere of my influence, and I am going to have a place among men." Have you sacrificed your spiritual opportunities in order to gratify your unholy and godless ambition? Tonight I would not discourage ambition in anybody. I would encourage the growth of ambition among young men and women. But I am talking to you tonight about leaving Christ out of your ambition.

I was a student in Yale University. One day on my window seat, Sunday afternoon, I was talking to one of Kentucky's brightest young men. He had a voice and a brain like Henry Grady. He had won the honors in school. We were sitting there together. I was not a preacher then, though at that time I was fighting a battle over God's call to me to preach. I talked to him about religion. I will never forget how he was scornful and how he said to me, "No, I am not a Christian. I have left that to Mother and my sisters. A virile man doesn't need religion." And he turned to me and said, "I am going to be Kentucky's leading statesman. I will be it or die and I have left God and Christ and religion out."

In less than three weeks from that time I was asked by one of the boys to go down to the Southern Club and bring that boy home, as drunk as he could be. And tonight he is a fourth-rate politician in one of the towns of Kentucky. You cannot climb the ladder of fame and leave God out. You will find some of the rounds out. My friends, God and His religion are not against the man who wants to climb; but if you are to climb in any place or position, to gratify any ambition, you must get in with God and you must not sacrifice your spirituality in order to gratify your ambition.

I shall never forget; my brothers were officers. I was reared in the atmosphere of detecting. For many years my brother was sheriff and then United States Marshal. He arrested and had to kill some of the worst men in all that western country. I never see an officer but that my heart goes out to him. I admire a brave man. I glory in the men who are protecting our liberties and our lives.

I will never forget as a cowboy that I had an ambition only to be an expert roper and cowboy. I walked into the courthouse one day. I had on my spurs and my sixshooter. I had just come from the cow ranch and I went in to hear a great lawyer in the defense of his cli-

ent. I heard him speak. I had no ambition to be anything but an expert roper. I heard that lawyer plead his case. He had but one defense for his client; and that was that the man he killed had that afternoon insulted his wife. That lawyer with tremendous eloquence and power, tried to move that jury to release his man. He lost the case and the client was condemned; but I went down out of that courthouse that day having lost interest in my spurs and my sixshooter and my lasso, and I said, "By the grace of God, I will get an education and do something for God and humanity." I want to tell you, my friends, that from the initiation of my ambition until this time I thank God I have taken God into my plans.

Oh, I would not discourage your ambition; but I would discourage your ambition being your Barabbas that keeps Jesus Christ out of your life.

Maybe your Barabbas is not gold. Maybe it is not ambition. Maybe it is pleasure. Maybe tonight I am speaking to someone who has said, "I will substitute pleasure for Jesus Christ." I wonder if I am drawing closer to your trouble tonight—pleasure in the satisfaction of your carnal desires, pleasure in social life. I wonder tonight if you have said, "I am going to shine at the dance hall or at the gambling table; and I am going to take pleasure and

drink of it to its bitter dregs until life is satisfied." Now, I bless God that I believe in a happy life. I would not limit our young people in their pleasures beyond anything that will compromise their character and their relationship with God. I am for all the happiness that you can bring into your life; but I am for the unpoisoned happiness.

I call your attention to the difference between the pleasures of religion and the pleasures of sin. There are no pleasures in these sinful indulgences but what have in them the seed of destruction. Sinful pleasures will tear down your body, your mind and your spiritual tissues. There is no pleasure in religion but that that is constructive. It will build up your body, your mind and your soul. Is pleasure your Barabbas?

I wonder tonight if it is. I say to you that one of the most perilous things in life since the war is the modern dance. I will tell you that the so-called religious institutions that during the war distributed cigarettes and encouraged the dance have done tremendous harm to the best interests of our country. The modern dance is leading more girls and more men to ruin than anything else allowed today. God pity you, my friend, if all your joy is settled in your heels; if you go to your heels for your pleasure. And if you take the hug out of the dance the men will quit it. When do they have any male dances or any female dances? I want to tell you, no child of mine will go to a school and stay there that encourages the dance. And I want to tell you,

women, that you are doing a great deal of damage tonight by the dresses you wear.

I saw a woman, and she was a good woman, walking around on the street and getting into her car today, with a dress on that was too short. I do not believe it is right to wear those short dresses. Now, by the grace of God, go home and patch your dresses; and some of them need it at both ends. I have not come to the time when I believe that virtue is protected by women going around with dresses that show their knees, and sometimes worse than that. I will tell you, my friends, that today society is being damned by the dresses that women wear. When you wear dresses short at either end, you are fixing for somebody to reflect on your character.

You say I am not talking religion to you. I am. I am. If the preacher doesn't condemn these things, who will? I will tell you who is talking about you. Every carnal man you pass on the street is talking about you.

The other day on the streets of a city an unsaved man was standing. A young lady passed along and he made a bad remark about her. She just had on a scrap of a dress. And he was talking to the girl's father and didn't know it. And he made some remark that a man should not have made. This man said to himself, "The man is right about it." He said to the young man, "That is my daughter and I will see that she never comes out dressed like that on the street again."

I will never forget my first

pastorate. One Monday there came a man on a horse from the country, asking me to go out and bury a young woman who had died the day before. I went out five miles and drove up to a beautiful country home, a home that belonged to a Methodist steward in the community. The daughter who had died was a college graduate. I went into the room and saw that great strong family, a large number of brothers and sisters and the fine, dear old father and mother. They invited me back into the private room and there they told me the story. The mother said, "Yesterday a week ago our pastor was here and preached a great sermon. We sent our daughter off to a so-called Christian school hoping that she would become a useful Christian woman, but she came back enamored with all the pleasures of the world and had learned to dance. Last Sunday morning she went with me to church and when we came home to cook dinner for the company that had come, Mildred came in and said, 'Mother, do you know I came very near going and giving my heart to Christ this morning. I had to literally hold on to the seat to keep from going.' And the dear old mother said, 'Oh, Mildred, why didn't you do it? That has been the prayer of my life. Why didn't you do it?' She said, 'Mother, do you know that the clothes have been made and Wednesday night I am going to Caldwell to a dance. I promised God that if next Sunday I am at church I will give my heart to Christ.' Wednesday night came and she went to the dance. After

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body as has been cast upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

People tell you that Jesus Christ let men spit in His face. And He did. He stayed in character when He came down here. You know in drama people talk about staying in character. If you are playing the part of a criminal you are supposed to stay in character. If you are playing comedy you are supposed to stay in character. Jesus Christ stayed in character. When Jesus Christ came from Heaven's noonday to earth's midnight He came to die on Calvary's cross. Everything else was incidental. He did not come to preach. Preaching was incidental. He did not come to perform miracles. Performing miracles was incidental in His life. He said, "For this cause came I unto this hour" (John 12:27). He had said, "Mine hour is not yet come" (John 2:4). But when He got there He said, "For this cause came I unto this hour." Jesus Christ came the first time to die. But you wait until He comes back next time. When He comes next time He will be leading an army out of the sky. He will have a thunderbolt on His brow and lightning flashing from His eyes. He will be riding the charger of judgment, and He will be so highly armed that He will have a sword projecting out of His mouth. You wait until Jesus Christ comes back in righteous anger to destroy His enemies! You wait until He says to the angels, "Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness!" You wait!

Did Jesus ever get angry in this world? There was not anybody else like Him; He was so approachable. Anybody could get to Him. He would walk down the streets and little babies would reach out their arms and try to get to His bosom. He would go out to dinner and a wicked woman would see Him and say, "Yonder is somebody who loves me," and she would go up to Him, get down on her knees, pour out her tears on His feet and wipe them with her hair. Anybody could get to Jesus. He was the most approachable Person the world ever saw. Everybody—publicans and harlots, everybody—crowded upon Him; and He loved them all. But one time He went into a temple. I want you to get the picture: He walked into that temple and saw some men sitting down at a table. They were moneychangers. He got a whipcord, went over there, turned over those tables and drove those crooks out of His Father's house.

What was the matter? Somebody may say they were crooks. But He did not do that on the street corner. He could have gone down any street in Jerusalem and found some old crook down there. He could have picked up a brick and thrown it at him. But He did not do it. Why did He do it in the temple? I will tell you why He did it in the temple: they were perverting religion. They perverted the way to God. They perverted His Father's house. Listen! The worst sin is not the sin of not having any religion. The worst sin is to pervert religion. Give me the man who has no religion in preference to the man who has a perverted religion!

Let me give you another picture. Paul uses the strongest language that love ever used. He said, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:3). "I would like to have God damn me and save my brethren," he was saying. Say, that is love! I have often thought I would be willing to go to Hell to keep my boy from going. I have often thought that if I stood at the judgment bar of God and my son started to Hell I would be willing to ask God to let me go in his place. But I have never loved my country enough to ask God to damn me to save America. Oh, the love in the heart of Paul when he said, "God curse me, let

me be Anathema. Curse me, God, and save my brethren!"

But the same man who said that, said something else. The same man who said that, said this: "If anybody comes around in this country preaching any gospel except the gospel I have preached unto you, God Almighty, damn him. (See Gal. 1:8, 9). Brother, that makes chills run down my back. 'God, curse me! God, let me be Anathema! God, damn me and save my brethren!' But 'God Almighty, send these conspirators to Hell! Damn them, God; damn them!' You don't like that! Well, suppose you call up Heaven and get Paul on the phone. Tell him you do not like that kind of preaching.

I have heard evangelists cursed all my life. When I was a boy Sam Jones was cursed all over the South. George Stuart was cursed, and Henry C. Morrison, and later Billy Sunday. Evangelists were maligned and slandered and cursed. And, by the way, I have never known an outstanding evangelist on this continent who had a scandal connected with his name. They have been the worst lied about, slandered men on earth. I have heard evangelists say strong things, but I have never heard any evangelist on any platform in the world stand up and ask God Almighty to send the modernists to Hell. That is what Paul did. He said, "God Almighty, curse them. Let them be Anathema! Damn them; God, damn them—these men who are leading souls to Hell, damn them!"

The hottest place in Hell will not be for harlots. It will be for modernistic preachers. Any man who stands in a Trinitarian pulpit, clothed with the robes of the ministry, and in a subtle way steals the faith of saints and takes young people and damns them—God Himself cannot make it hot enough in Hell for that man!

So the thing that stirred Paul was the religious condition.

### What Is Wrong With the World Is Men, Not Conditions

If Paul had been a modern preacher who had moved into Athens to preach he would have spent the first six months making a survey. I do not know any word that irritates me as the word **survey** irritates me. "I am going to make a survey." "I have observed that on this side of the railroad they are not as well off as they are on the other side of the railroad. And what we should do is to distribute the money." That is a very interesting thought. We folks who do not have anything are very glad to divide with the rest of the people.

I could not help but admire Huey Long in Louisiana. I have always admired a man who was able to stir up a fight, whether I agree with him or not! Huey Long talked about the distribution of wealth. That is interesting, isn't it? Suppose we do that. Suppose tonight we take all the money in the United States above what we owe—if there is any above what we owe!—suppose we divide it up and tomorrow morning each of us begin with exactly the same amount of money. I have mine; you have yours. There are no rich people; there are no poor people. Everybody has exactly the same amount of money. It is nice, isn't it? If you did not change people, the smart boys would get all of mine back inside of six months, and I would be back exactly where I started! It is so funny, isn't it? It is tragic, and yet it is amusing to think how men are going to fix the world by giving everybody plenty of money.

Mr. Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt—a young preacher once said, "Lord, we thank You for Roosevelt—we mean 'Teddy'!" Franklin Roosevelt sat down at a table with Churchill, Stalin and the rest of them. They were going to fix the world so nobody would ever want anything any more. They were going to fix the world so everybody would

have plenty, so everybody would be all fixed up. It does sound so enticing, doesn't it? No more worry! Everybody has plenty—plenty to eat and plenty to wear. But wait a minute! What would that do for morals? Folks are not made good by gold; they are made good by Almighty God.

Somebody said to me about a certain girl, "She only makes \$12 a week. What do you expect of her?" Now, do not misunderstand me. I do not believe in paying low wages. But I expect the girl who does not make but \$5 a week to be decent. I expect a girl to be decent if she has to starve! Do you mean to tell me that women are good simply because they are rich, and bad because they are poor? The highest paid people in this country are the Hollywood actors and actresses. And they get more divorces than anybody else. It did not make them good. They are well paid; they cannot complain about salaries.

I will match the virtue of women I know who live in the mountain cabins of the South—women who live in little homes with a string of red peppers on the wall—against the virtue of the women who live on Park Avenue or in Hollywood, California. We have gone crazy in this country. We have decided that folks are bad because they are poor and that all you have to do is to give them plenty of money and they will be good. Wait a minute! If gold will make you good, you are not good—you are mean and selfish. Somebody says, "Honesty is the best policy." If you are honest because it is the best policy, you are not honest; you are selfish. An honest man is honest whether it is a good policy or not.

Folks, really it is disgusting how little sense we use about the question of money! You know I do not envy the rich people. They are no better than the folks I grew up with in Alabama. I never knew a bad girl within twenty-five miles of my boyhood home. They would have died before they would have sacrificed their virtue. We have strange ideas!

I went to a dentist about my teeth not long ago. I sat back in the chair; he looked at them and said, "Dr. Bob, you did not have enough calcium in your food when you were a boy."

I said, "Doctor, we didn't specialize in calcium in southeast Alabama! We specialized in moral manhood and Christian faith!" Now, I like to see folks have calcium. Calcium is a good thing. But we have gone bugs on calcium! Our teeth—we just lost them. But I have seen many old country woman lose all her teeth but keep her faith and her virtue and honor and decency!

A doctor comes to your home and you say, "Doctor, I feel so bad."

The doctor looks at you and says, "Something ought to be cut out, but I'll declare I do not know what to cut out. Something is hurting you, but I might cut out the wrong thing if I go to cutting. Get me a spoon." You get him a spoon, he puts some little tablets and hot water in there and stirs them up. You say, "Doctor, you are the best doctor I've ever seen in my life. I am well now—I'm going to sleep."

You old fool! You have the same thing the matter with you that you had all the time. It is there; you just do not feel it!

All we are doing in this country in the way of making people comfortable just makes them feel better while they are going to Hell.

Money cannot make you happy. Young people, listen! This is the most unhappy generation in the history of the world. I fly across this country in planes. I have crossed the ocean in steamships. I travel across the continent in air-conditioned trains. I am more comfortable than I was when I was a boy, but I am not as happy as I was when I was a boy. The happiest day I remember ever spending on this earth I spent traveling all day in a covered wagon pulled by two mules. I sat in the back of the wagon on a pile of fodder and ate sweet

## Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., President of Bob Jones University and Son of the Founder of This Christian Educational Institution, Says:

"I have asked for the privilege of writing this word to our friends and the friends of the Gospel. I have just returned from a whirlwind tour of Western Europe. During this time I attended two great conferences. I spoke to youth rallies and young people's groups. I stood in the pulpits of historic churches. I even had an opportunity to give a Gospel testimony and a challenge to youth at a political rally in Rome. I have come back with a deep and heart-felt conviction that Europe affords a tremendous opportunity for the Gospel and the great challenge to evangelical Christians of America today. There are signs of revival everywhere. The present struggle between Moscow and Rome, between communism and Catholicism, particularly in Italy and France, as each makes a drive for youth is a rebuke to us as we fail to give them the choice of the Gospel.

Though there are a few Bible institutes, there is not a school in Europe or the British Isles which is adequately training leaders to meet this need. Everywhere hungry-hearted and eager young people came to me and said, 'Dr. Bob, we want to come to America to be properly trained to do the job that must be done here in Europe.' Most of these young people have no financial resources. Those who have are unable in many countries to take funds across the frontier. I have assured many of these earnest young folks with capacities for leadership that we would somehow help them fi-

nancially so that they can come to Bob Jones University, have their souls fired and their talents trained. There are many American young people who feel a call to ministry in Europe. We are trying to train them. There are the other sections of the world more generally thought of as mission fields—the Orient, South America, Africa, India. In the present state of world unrest and changing governments and ideologies, we have the greatest opportunity we have ever had in the ministry of the Word. If we fail to take advantage of these opportunities in the months that lie ahead, God pity us.

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any problem! All education does is to shine your shoes, press your pants, comb your hair and powder your nose. It leaves you with the same old sinful heart. It dresses you up for Hell!

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You say, "No, I'm dying; I'm dying! Do you suppose there will be any flowers blooming where I am going?"

I sit by your bed, wipe the sweat from your brow, look into the stare of death in your eye and say, "Mister, wait a minute before you die. I want to talk to you. I am an astronomer. We have a solar system with a sun in the center, and around it planets that move; and this solar system may be part of another, and

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that part of another." I keep talking about stars to you until I get dizzy myself.

You look up at me and say, "I am not interested in that, but tell me quickly how to go to Heaven."

I say, "Listen, young man; before you die I want to give you a lesson in geology. Here is an old rock, a very old rock. Of course we geologists do not agree about how old it is. But what is a few million years difference between geologists? It is an old, old rock—you aren't interested in listening! But I want you to listen to me. I know you are dying, but listen to me! I am talking to you about a rock!"

You say, "Bob, I am not interested about the age of the rock. One time I heard my mother sing,

'Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.'

I don't care about the age of the rock; I want to know about the Rock of Ages!"

I come to your home and your baby is dead. There is a little coffin there, and the shadow of the little coffin fills all the home—isn't it strange how far a little coffin can cast a shadow? It can cast its shadow into every room of the home, uptown, over the office door, over the schoolroom over the church door.

There is that little coffin. You are walking around, wringing your hands; and I say, "I wouldn't cry like that if I were you. I can explain it all to you. There is a law we call 'the survival of the fittest.' The fit survive and the unfit die. Your baby was not fit and it was inevitable that he should die. The babies that are living were fit. I wouldn't be so sad if I were you. It is an exorable law; it has to be. I wouldn't take it like that." You never heard a scientist tell a woman that at the coffin of her baby.

We Christians would know what to say to her. We would say, "Yes, I know; it is too bad. It was such a sweet little baby. He is beautiful in the coffin. I saw him; he was precious, wasn't he? I know you are sad. But you know, the little baby is not in the coffin. Look up yonder! Look up yonder—his little chubby hand is reaching through the blue; and he is saying, 'Mother, Mother! Mother, here I am!' Your baby is in the arms of Jesus. Don't cry like that. Trust Jesus as your Saviour and you will see your baby again some day. Trust Him!" And we would hang a rainbow of hope over the little coffin and bring a little smile on the brow of your bereavement. Men and women, listen to me! It is not money and education and culture and nice homes and good jobs and the comforts of life—it is not those things! And Paul knew it.

**Only by Miraculous Regeneration of Human Hearts Can Men Be Right and Happy**

He went to Athens and saw all their culture and religion, all the shrines and altars; and his teeth were set on edge. You do not know how some of us sensitive men like John Rice and I feel as we go up and down this country. We see being built ecclesiastical machinery without power, doomed to steal the faith of young people. We are conscious of stocks and bonds and trust companies and skyscrapers, highways congested with automobiles, planes flying through the air—and the world going to Hell! I sometimes walk into a schoolroom and get the chilly, cold air of dead, technical scholarship. Listen, men and women—listen! This evangelistic conference has a purpose in view. It is trying to get you to see what needs to be done. Our job is fixing men.

Do you know what is the matter with men? Men are not liars because they lie; they lie because they are liars. Before men can tell lies they have to first be liars. Men are not thieves be-

cause they steal. They steal because they are thieves. Do you know why juvenile crime sweeps the country? Before young folks commit crimes they have to be criminals. Men are not murderers because they kill; they kill because they are murderers. Men are not sinners because they sin; they sin because they are sinners.

Folks in this country have the idea that if man could just fix the world, the world would fix him. If man could fix the world so it could fix him, he would already be fixed. Man—if he were big enough to do that—would not need to be fixed. Men are trying to pass the responsibility. They are saying, "I would be all right if I had the right place." No, they would not! There was nothing wrong with Adam's surroundings. He and Eve had a nice place to live. They went to sleep at night in beds of lilies. They breathed air that filtered through jungles of roses. And one day they sinned. And the garden was no longer a paradise. The woman plucked a rose and a thorn pricked her.

There is nothing the matter with the world except that men are sinners. I saw the other day where a modernistic Methodist preacher up North said, "I suppose we will have to go back to the old doctrine of total depravity." I do not have to go back to it. "For I know that in me (that is,

in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing" (Rom. 7:18). If you have never been born again you are a sinner. And all the colleges and universities, all the money and all the social uplift—all that men can think or dream—could never fix it. You must let God fix it. If you could get everybody converted-tonight you would fix the world. If you fixed the world and did not get folks converted, they would mess it up.

Paul knew that. I have been there in Athens. I have stood on Mars' hill where he stood. I have sat in those stone seats where they used to watch the dramatic performances. And there was not a thing in Athens wrong, but it was wrong because of bad people. But Paul said, "I know somebody who can fix it. His name is Jesus." And he preached Jesus to them.

### Jesus Christ, Man's Only Hope!

Do not misunderstand me when I say these things. I am saying them because they need to be said. The church cannot save you. If the church is ever saved, the Lord Jesus Christ will have to save the church. It is so easy for us to drift into the exaltation of ecclesiasticism. Let's understand some things: it is Jesus only!

On the Mount of Transfiguration Peter said, "Let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." And a light flashed and they saw Jesus only! It is Jesus only! I want to tell you that one of the perils that confronts the whole Christian program in this country today is the terrific

ecclesiastical drive that is being carried on. Even friends of Jesus do not know that they are exalting something besides Jesus. Listen: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." That Scripture does not say, "You must not have any bad gods." It says, "Thou shalt have no other gods"—not even a good god!! The church is a good thing, but any time you put it up by the side of Jesus Christ, it is a god. "That in all things he might have the preeminence!"

I remember when World War I ended I was in west Alabama. We were waked up one night and told that the Armistice was signed. We drove back across the state the next morning to Montgomery, Alabama—we lived at the Capital. The highway was crowded with all kinds of vehicles. We got to Montgomery, parked our car on a little side street and watched the crowd go by. Such pande-

monium and excitement I never saw in my life!

I was a young man then, but I sat there and tears ran down my face. Mrs. Jones said, "What are you crying about?"

I said, "I am just crying about what has happened and what is going to happen. I am thinking of the legless men and the armless men. I am thinking of the orphan children and the widows, of the broken homes and the broken morals. I am thinking of the bloody world that I will never live to get out of." I was thinking of that—and then I was thinking of something else: I knew that man would mess it up. He always messes it up.

President Wilson was a good man. He was reared in a Presbyterian manse. He read the Bible every day. I am told that he believed in the vicarious blood atonement. I know people who

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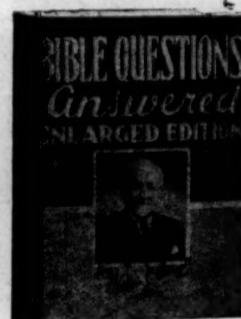


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## Who For President?

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that many of them are. But the literature of the "Crusade", consisting so largely of an attack on Jews, is definitely antichristian, in my judgment. It is contrary to the Bible, it will result in class hatred and strife and division in America and will have fearful results if it grows.

For one thing, antijewish propaganda is definitely forbidden in the Bible. It is wrong to attack Jews as such, even unsaved Jews or "apostate Jews." By divine inspiration Paul said, "As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes; but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes" (Rom. 11:28). And about Jews, the descendants of Jacob, we are plainly warned, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee" (Gen. 12:3; Gen. 27:29; Num. 24:9). Those who denounce Jews always say that they mean only bad Jews, but that is still wrong. If there should be a Jew who is doing wrong and needs to be opposed, he must be opposed as a bad man and not as a Jew. It would be a sin to be writing articles against people of Italian blood, against those of Negro blood, or against those of Swedish blood. It is always wrong to hate people because of their race or oppose them because of their race. But it is much worse to attack Jews because Jews are especially chosen of God and God has yet great things He will work through the Jews. To inspire Jew-hate is a terrible sin, certain to be punished from the Lord.

For example of how God punishes those who hate Jews, consider how God turned Spain into a third-rate power when it had been the strongest nation in the world, soon after they expelled the Jews. Consider what God did to the Amalekites because they were unkind to the Jews. God commanded Saul to exterminate them utterly (1 Sam. 15:3).

Consider the terrible destruction of Babylon which God had allowed to carry the Jews captive, but He Himself punished the nation and destroyed it (See Isa. 13:17-22 and Isa. 14:20-27). Of course Jews are only human beings, and individually no Jew can be saved without coming to Christ, but Jews as a race are especially preserved by the Lord and protected by Him, and we are plainly warned against attacking them. For this reason alone you would do well to give no money, spread no literature, and lend no influence to any movement in the world that attacks Jews.

I am sorry to say that some Christians I know and love have sinned grievously in this matter and God has punished them for it. I could name you men who were once among the most powerful gospel preachers in America who are now not greatly used any more because they went astray in this matter.

### 2. Those who attack the Jews nearly always have sinister, un-American and dangerous motives.

Lots of good people are misled but usually those who lead an attack on the Jews have bad motives. Remember this is exactly the way Hitler rose to power in Germany. I believe that Hitler murdered 6 million Jews and would have murdered the others if he could. By arousing people to a fever pitch of hate in a kind of "Crusade" for the so-called protection of Germany, he got dictator's power. Those who copied Hitler in other countries of the world, trying to create a dictatorship, have largely followed the same pattern. Along with some sincere people who are misled there will always be wicked people who know that by race and class hatred and by arousing the fears and anger of the people they may be able to ride to power, to take away

## Substitutes for Jesus--Or the Choice of the Soul

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twelve o'clock a norther came up and the young woman took cold and the next day galloping pneumonia set in. That was Wednesday night. Thursday morning the mother and father were there, and during Thursday they had four or five doctors with her. Saturday morning she died and she was never conscious after they brought her home from the ball. And I buried the child. I will never forget that mother when the friends were lowering the body of her daughter into the grave. That mother could not stand it. She got up and walked around that grave time after time and said, "Gone to Hell and the dance did it! Gone to Hell and the dance did it!" I came from that grave an incorrigible enemy of anything in pleasure that comes between the soul and God.

You have substituted something in the place of Jesus Christ. God help you tonight to know that you had better turn your Barabbas loose and take Christ. You had better reconsider your choice.

**Some Things To Remember**

There are some things in this matter of the choice of the soul that I want you to remember. One is that when you choose your Barabbas you crucify Christ. They said, "Give us Barabbas and crucify Jesus." Every time you choose pleasure or money or honor or ambition or whatever you have put instead of Jesus Christ, you have crucified Him, and in crucifying Him, you have crucified your only hope. When tonight you say "Amen" to the crucifixion of Christ, you crucify Jesus Christ yourself. God help you to know that same Christ is ready and willing and able to save you and save you from your sins.

Oh, my friends, this is the last message that I will deliver to you. I have not preached anything else to you but Christ, because He is the only one who can save. And tonight if every one of you—I make no exceptions—I believe if every lost man and woman and child in this whole wide world, literally billions of them, if every

one of them would turn by repentance and faith to Jesus Christ, He has power to save everyone of them from every sin they have ever committed. I recommend to you Jesus Christ as the Saviour. Turn away from your Barabbas. Give him up tonight. God help you tonight to choose Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Do it now, won't you? Turn away from your Barabbas and accept Jesus.

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**My Decision for Christ**

If you will today, this moment, turn from your sin, trust Christ as Saviour, then tell the Lord Jesus so in your heart, sign the following statement honestly, then copy it and send it to us in a letter.

Dr. John R. Rice, Editor  
THE SWORD OF THE LORD  
214 W. Wesley Street  
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have just read Dr. Scarborough's sermon, "Substitutes for Jesus." I realize it is wicked to let anything keep me from Christ. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that Christ died for my sins and is willing to save me. So here and now I repent of my sins and turn from them in my heart. I here and now ask Jesus Christ to forgive my sins and be my Saviour and I believe that He does forgive me and save me. With all my heart I this moment depend upon Him and trust Him as my Saviour and claim Him.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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the money and the liberties of the people.

Huey K. Long in Louisiana did much to stir class hatred the same way. He and his politicians stole millions of dollars of government funds, corrupted the whole state government and Huey Long was boasting that he would force his way into the presidency, when he was killed. I am not guessing about this. I have the facts as published by the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, and it is public knowledge that a number of Long's close friends went to prison as proved embezzlers and thieves.

It is forever against Gerald L. K. Smith that he was a close friend and helper of Huey Long. Perhaps I did not know how crooked Long was. In that case he is not a man of discernment and cannot be trusted. If he did not know how wrong Long was, then he is crooked and cannot be trusted. I trust that he was ignorant and misled, but he is certainly following some of Long's tactics in rabble-rousing.

Trust no man who arouses hate of class against class.

### 3. This country is in genuine danger and the "Christian Crusade" cannot possibly solve the problems.

Aside from the spiritual problems which cannot be solved by politics, the greatest danger in America today is the communist and left-wing danger. The New Deal put America in the greatest danger it has ever been in. Roosevelt's leadership sold out to Russia so far that now it seems nearly impossible to keep Russia contained, that is, to keep Russia from taking over the rest of the world without war. The commitments made at Yalta and Teheran gave the communists under Stalin far too great a hold on the world. The radical policies of Roosevelt, Henry Wallace, Madam Perkins, the C.I.O., and other radical leaders endangered the very life of America as a democratic nation. We must, by all means, put an end to the New Deal. And the only chance to do that is through the Republican party. Wallace and his communist friends cannot win this year. The Prohibition party cannot win this year. The "Christian Crusaders" cannot win this year. The only chance to stop the mounting expense of government, the waste of public funds and the socialization of America is to elect Dewey and Warren. If honest, good American people stick together we can do that, and we ought to do it.

There are some bad people in the Republican party as in all other parties, but it is definitely certain that the moral principles of men like Hoover, Taft, Dewey, Warren, Stassen, John Foster Dulles, etc., are the highest. These men are certainly more trustworthy than the leadership of the Democratic party elected by the Pendleton machine or Kansas City, the Hague machine of New Jersey, Tammany Hall of New York and the Kelly-Nash machine in Chicago. It is equally certain that the moral standards of Republican leadership are far higher than that of radicals who hate the Jews and try to divide the American people and arouse hate and fear between classes and between races.

Without any attempt to enter politics and without taking up for parties it seems to me that I ought to advise Christians everywhere to vote for a Republican president and Republican Congressmen in the coming elections as the only possible way to put the New Deal radicals out of power and save the American way of life.

I would think it would be even more dangerous for the radical fomenters of hate and divisions in the so-called "Christian Crusade" to run America than for it to be run by Truman and the Democratic party. I am certain that the Republican leadership is far safer. And I happen to know that the best Christian leadership in America agrees with me on this matter.

I was glad to have your letter and I have answered quite at length in order to be helpful. I hope you will prayerfully consider these reasons I have given. I write not as a politician but as a man of God who must take sides on moral issues.

In the Saviour's name, yours,  
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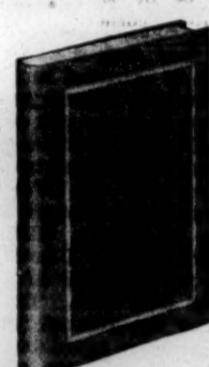
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## The Editor Says—

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JUST NOW (Sept. 5-12) I am in revival services with Highland Park Baptist Church, in greater Detroit. Here Dr. Colton has carried on steadily for God some thirty years. Brother Key, the assistant pastor who was here in our services four years ago, is still here, too, and is greatly loved. God has given good crowds during this Labor day week, and some have been wonderfully saved.

CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 21-28, will be the scene of what we hope will be the greatest conference on revival and soul winning in America in a generation, or since the days of the great days of R. A. Torrey and Billy Sunday and J. Wilbur Chapman. We believe Christian workers will come from all over the nation. Certainly hundreds of ministers and Christian workers of the Chicago area will hear the most used soul winners we can get. Dr. Bob Jones Sr., Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Bob Jones Jr., Evangelist Bill Rice, Dr. Faris Whitesell of Northern Baptist Seminary, and a number of others, will help this editor. The greatest colored gospel singer America has, perhaps the greatest she has ever had, Elbert Tindley, will be there the whole eight days. His father, Dr. Tindley who wrote the songs, "Take your burden to the Lord," "Nothing Between," etc. was famous pastor of Tindley Temple, Philadelphia. You never were so moved by singing as you will be by Elbert Tindley. The greatest cornetist I ever heard, who played on the Columbia network with the famous Blue Seal Orchestra, will be there the whole time. Merrill Dunlop, famous pianist and organist, will help daily, and the Gospel Tabernacle Choir, band, and radio Chorus will help. The program will have morning, afternoon and evening services through that Thanksgiving week, in Chicago, with evening and Sunday afternoon services in four other nearby cities, including Wheaton. Never, in this generation, we believe, has there been such a time of planning, teaching, praying and preparing for mighty revival as in this conference. We will help get hotel reservations. Other announcements soon.

THE SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN has come to a glorious close, though definite results cannot be given till after September 15, of course. But we know we will go a thousand or two more than the 15,000 goal, at the very least. Now, the book, God's Cure For Anxious Care, CAN BE OFFERED FOR SALE. Price \$1.50 for the prettiest book we have had manufactured, 127 pages, nine chapters. God is using it to com-

fort and strengthen thousands, their letters indicate.

MRS. RICE says that when she gets her girls (and mine) educated she will go with me regularly in revival work. She is driving to Detroit Saturday, with my secretary, Miss Viola Walden, for the closing day in Highland Park Church. Then we three will drive to Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, where I will be engaged in revival services September 14-26. It is a joy to have Mrs. Rice with me. She wins a good many souls and helps in other ways. Then I have been away from home so many years that it is a great comfort to have her along. And with THE SWORD OF THE LORD copy to prepare, mail to answer, and many business details to manage, I am glad when I can have my secretary along, too. There is always more writing to do, and more work waiting me than I can get done. Thank you, all who hold me up in prayer.

IN INDIANA next year, April 24-May 1, we hope to have a series of great conferences on soul winning, eight conferences running at the same time, for eight days, with eight principal speakers rotating, so that each speaker would speak one day at each place. Already five of America's best evangelists have promised to help me. We hope to reach thousands of Christian workers and set revival fires burning. Will Indiana pastors and Christian leaders who want such a conference to be held in their town at that time, as part of the series, please write me? In each Indiana city of the eight, we want local pastors to join us. Not a Bible conference, not an evangelistic campaign, but a conference showing how to win souls, how to have a revival, how to prepare for a revival, how to preach for revival, how to give an invitation, etc. May we hear from pastors and Christian workers who would like to cooperate in your town in Indiana? Only eight towns or cities can take part, so hurry. Write Evangelist John R. Rice, 214W. Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Dr. Faris D. Whitesell is professor of Homiletics, Evangelism and Pastoral Theology in Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago. Of this book he has written:

"Dr. Rice in six virile messages makes a powerful defense of the doctrine of the deity of Jesus Christ, and a straightforward attack on modernism. He marshals his evidence logically and carefully. He speaks plainly and backs his statements with an abundance of Scripture. The sermons are entitled 'Is Jesus God?', 'Letter to a Modernist', 'The Virgin-Born Saviour', 'Old Testament Prophecies Miraculously Fulfilled in Christ', 'The Resurrection of Jesus Christ', and 'What Is Wrong With a Modernist?' This book should be widely distributed. It will strengthen Christians, convince unbelievers, and will steady wavering college and university students."

The June, 1948, issue of Book Talks carries a fine review of the book IS JESUS GOD? It is a publication of Broadman Press (the Southern Baptist Convention publishing house) and carries reviews of the most worthwhile of current books. Editor John L. Hill is known for his discerning reviews, and his long experience in this field makes him a competent critic. He writes of this book:

"This—'Is Jesus God?'—question seems almost silly to Christians, and so it is; but all of us are aware that there are people, cultured and refined, who feel that such a question is an affront to their superior intelligences. Frankly, we have never been able to harmonize the high praise which unbelievers give to Jesus while at the same time denying his deity; to even a simple mind it would seem that Jesus must be god or the most blatant hypocrite on record. This volume contains six messages which appeared originally in The Sword of the Lord, of which the author is editor; they are reduced to this permanent form because of the service already rendered to pastors who had been trained in the schools of modernism. There are two things perfectly obvious in the style of Dr. Rice: most anybody can understand what he writes, and he never strays from the truths of the Book. We like his rugged forthrightness and his loyalty and devotion to revealed truth."

The Ohio Independent Baptist also carried a fine review of the book, IS JESUS GOD. You will find its evaluation of some specific chapters of interest. This word appeared in the May, 1948, issue:

"John R. Rice, D.D., Litt.D., editor of The Sword of the Lord, and author of many excellent books, now presents a work carrying more than 200 pages dealing with the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

recedes and Heaven opens and I burst through the gates into the city and look into the face of Him who, having not seen I love—whatever reward Jesus feels I have earned, I will feel like taking the crown from off my head and throwing it at His feet and stand and gaze on His face and say: "Jesus, it is reward enough for me to look into Your face. It is reward enough for me to know that the pearly gates have swung behind my back on their jeweled hinges and I will go in and out no more forever. I just want to stand and look at You, Jesus."

"Look to yourselves, . . . that we receive a full reward."

## Fixing Men Instead of Conditions

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knew him well. Dr. Wilber Chapman, my friend, knew him well. I have no doubt but that President Wilson is in Heaven.

He went overseas and sat down at a table. Lord George was there. Wilson was not there. Lord George and Woodrow Wilson would have been glad to have said, "Take my seat," but representatives of pagan nations were around the table.

Then we had World War II. Are you surprised? World War II—a bloody war! It was over and there was a gathering in California. But nobody said, "Let's ask Jesus to sit down with us and tell us what to do."

After World War I people were optimistic, but now even the worst sinners of the world are not optimistic. Nobody is even fool enough to say there will not be another war.

There is only one thing the matter with this world: Jesus Christ has been pushed away from His rightful place. He has been pushed out of some churches, too. Listen! When you exalt anything—even a priest—above Jesus Christ, He steps out. Listen! The Son of God will not take second place to anything, and He will not take second place in your life. That is the place you have tried to give Him.

Listen, Christians—some of you have come a long way to this conference. Men may not know what big business John Rice is doing or what big business these evangelists are doing. But God knows.

The other day a man sent me a check for a thousand dollars and said, "I want you to find the highest place at Bob Jones University and put the name of Jesus there." We have always tried to give Him first place.

If you folks who have come to

this conference will really give Him first place and will go back from this conference to your homes and bring the lost to Jesus, you can get them fixed. I am talking to somebody tonight who has a loved one who has pinched wrinkles of pain around your eyes and put a dagger in your heart. Oh, you have tried to fix things; but Jesus can fix everything for you. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everybody here would say, "From this time forward Jesus is going to have first place in my life. I am not going to put His name down as the unknown god in the secluded spot of any temple. I am, going to give Him first place. In my business, in my social life, in my love affairs—He is going to have first place."

I walked across the campus at our college some time ago and saw a couple sitting on a bench. God was speaking to them—they were praying. They had their heads bowed in prayer. A day or two later they came to the office and said, "Dr. Bob, we just wanted to tell you that we got engaged the other day. And we bowed our heads there and told Jesus He could have first place in our home and in our lives." Jesus—the name high over all! Jesus, first in everything! First in this conference, first in our thinking, first in our ambitions, first in everything!

**PRAAYER:** Blessed Jesus, if we know our hearts we do love Thee. You are dearer to us than the memory of our mother. You are more precious to us than our wife or son or grandbabies. If we know our hearts You are dearer to us than anything in this world. But it is so easy for us to forget; it is so easy for us to neglect You. Sometimes we just take You for granted, Jesus. We pray that You will forgive us. Help us to be altogether Thine, fully surrendered to Thee. Amen.

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## "Look to Yourselves...That We Receive a Full Reward"

—John 8

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I am talking about]. I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold... and cast their crowns before the throne." That is a picture of the glorified church.

Here it is the church militant; there it is the church triumphant. I sometimes think here it is the church somnambulant. Here we call it the church militant, there the church triumphant where all things have passed away and we stand before God to receive the

reward of our labors and our toils for Him there. What a grand thing!

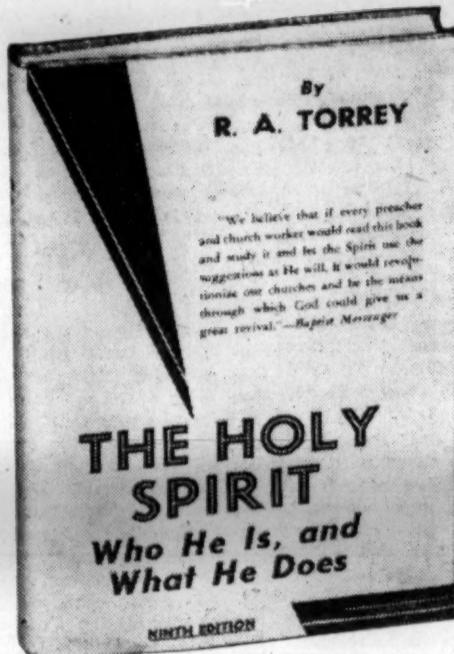
When my eyes to earth's glories grow dim and I have gone to the last city and preached my last sermon and offered my last prayer and have given the last invitation to the unsaved, and the death-dew gathers on my brow and the death rattle is in my throat, and my wife and little ones stand around my bedside and I look into their faces, I want to tell you, in a time and in an hour like that, when the world

recedes and Heaven opens and I burst through the gates into the city and look into the face of Him who, having not seen I love—whatever reward Jesus feels I have earned, I will feel like taking the crown from off my head and throwing it at His feet and stand and gaze on His face and say: "Jesus, it is reward enough for me to look into Your face. It is reward enough for me to know that the pearly gates have swung behind my back on their jeweled hinges and I will go in and out no more forever. I just want to stand and look at You, Jesus."

"Look to yourselves, . . . that we receive a full reward."

# Sword Book Club NEWS

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## October Selection THE HOLY SPIRIT:

### Who He Is and What He Does

By DR. R. A. TORREY

This month's selection every member will want, every member ought to read. It will fill every need, enrich every life. Preachers must have the blessing of the Holy Spirit, for a happy and successful ministry. For others, here is the answer to sadness, to loneliness, to heartache and worry and failure—to every problem that can confront the child of God—in the wonderful Holy Spirit who indwells and empowers.

From his rich knowledge of Scripture, his deep understanding of human nature and its needs, and from experiences all over the world as pastor and evangelist and Bible teacher, Dr. Torrey wrote this blessed book. The truth is deep and rich, but the language is simple and clear and wonderfully descriptive. Practically every page has a story from Dr. Torrey's experiences that helps to make the teaching a little plainer than words ever could. Dr. Torrey tells of his own experiences—his call to preach, his conversion, his early ministry, and how he learned about the Holy Spirit and how his life and preaching and results were changed. He tells of the people he met—people who were lost and were saved; people who were blessed and greatly used of God, people he met all over the world. And from this vast fund of living and serving Dr. Torrey presents here the heart of fruitful, happy Christianity.

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### Read These Reviews of "The Holy Spirit"

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One quotation suffices: "But if our source of joy is in our own hearts, a fountain springing up within us, then we are entirely independent of our surroundings, our circumstances, our possessions or lack of possessions . . . we are joyful when men speak well of us, but equally joyful when they seek all manner of evil against us; we are joyful when we have our friends with us, but equally joyful when the dearest friend we have on earth is taken from us; indeed, the joy of the indwelling Spirit of God seems oftentimes to well up with even greater power in the moments of deepest bereavement."

**Dr. Robert G. Lee**, Pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee: Superb in scholarship, saturated with truth, possessing spiritual wisdom, superlative in exposition, stirringly inspirational, personal in application, Torrey's book on the Holy Spirit is truly a great book.

**Dr. Henry Hepburn**, Pastor Emeritus, Buena Presbyterian Church, Chicago: A most happy selection for the autumn. This volume by Dr. R. A. Torrey has blessed my soul in the reading of the eight brief chapters. What a blessing it will be to many pastors as they receive the inspiration of these pages, and in some form present the spiritual teaching of the book to their congregations. This can be done in preaching a series of sermons upon the Holy Spirit. Dr. Torrey's book could be used as an outline for Prayer Meetings or in Bible Classes, in some manner presenting this great truth to individuals or congregations. The result will be lives infilled by the Holy Spirit for service and churches refreshed by revivals.

**Dr. Bob Jones**, President, Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina: First published twenty-one years ago, R. A. Torrey's book on the Holy Spirit may well be said to have come of age. Any work that goes through nine editions and weathers this many years in print must have something. Described by the author in the preface as the final form assumed by sermons preached time and again through a long and fruitful ministry, these addresses bear the imprint of mature thought and spiritual insight. They are concise, logical, and interesting. There is about them nothing of worked up excitement and unwholesome fanaticism. Every Christian will be blessed and instructed by this volume.

**Director John R. Rice**, Editor of the *Sword of the Lord*: In the days of great revivals the mighty men who were filled with the Holy Ghost and won multitudes to Christ often spoke on the fullness of the Spirit or the baptism of the Spirit. So did D. L. Moody, J. Wilbur Chapman, and scores of other mighty soul winners. But Dr. R. A. Torrey, the most thorough Bible scholar of all the evangelists, was their principal spokesman in this matter. D. L. Moody insisted on Torrey writing and speaking on the fullness of the Holy Spirit or the baptism of the Holy Spirit repeatedly. Some who now claim to follow Moody have forsaken his teaching and Torrey's, led away by the ultradispensationalists. But the writing of R. A. Torrey on the power of the Holy Spirit is far and away the clearest and most interesting and most helpful on this subject. His teaching exceeds that of John McNeill, of A. B. Simpson, of A. J. Gordon, or any others. Here in this wonderful book, *The Holy Spirit: Who He Is and What He Does*, we have the clear Bible teaching on the personality and work of the Holy Spirit that Dr. Torrey gave in his Bible classes and in Moody and Los Angeles Bible Institutes. But here, too, is the enthralling interest of the revival addresses, with the many personal experiences and illustrations and most pointed application. The Holy Spirit becomes a real person infinitely dear and infinitely near to the Christian who reads this book. The purpose of the fullness of the Spirit and the way to have God's fullness are here made strikingly clear. I assure the reader that in my opinion this book by Dr. Torrey is the most important single volume ever printed on the fullness of the Holy Spirit. It is as interesting as a love story, as powerful as Dr. Torrey's great revival sermons; has transformed the lives of thousands of Christian workers, making them soul winners.

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